

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A hinge-lid box, made of (thin) cardboard or similar packaging material, in particular for cigarettes, comprising a box part (10), lid (11) and collar (12) and having (upright) longitudinal edges (29, 30) and transverse edges (31, 32) running crosswise thereto, **characterized in that** the longitudinal edges (29, 30) and/or transverse edges (31, 32, 33, 34) are configured by the deformation or embossing of the packaging material as an outwardly directed projection (35) having a round cross-section or an inwardly directed recess (40) having a round cross-section.

2. (original): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** the pack edges configured as a projection (35) have a cross-section in the shape of a pitch circle, approximately in the shape of a three-quarter circle.

3. (original): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** the pack edges configured as a recess (40) have a cross-section in the shape of a pitch circle, correspond approximately to a quarter-circle.

4. (currently amended): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 1 ~~or one of the further Claims~~, **characterized in that** all four upright longitudinal edges (29, 30) are uniformly configured as a projection (35) or as a recess (40).

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5. (currently amended): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 1 ~~or one of the further~~ Claims, **characterized in that** upper and lower transverse edges (31...34) for delimiting an end wall (18), on one hand, and a base wall (15) on the other hand, are configured as projections (35) or as recesses (40).

6. (currently amended): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 1 ~~or one of the further~~ Claims, **characterized in that** the collar (12) has collar edges (43, 44) which correspond in shape to the longitudinal edges (29, 30).

7. (currently amended): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 1 ~~or one of the further~~ Claims, **characterized in that** for the configuration of the transverse edges (31, 32, 33, 34) as a projection (35) or recess (40), corner tabs, namely base corner tabs (27) and/or end corner tabs (28) are configured with a smaller width such that the corner tabs (27, 28) can be positioned exclusively between the transverse edges (31...34) configured as a projection (35) or recess (40).

8. (currently amended): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 1 ~~or one of the further~~ Claims, **characterized in that** the projection (35) and/or recess (40) have a radius of 1.5 mm to 4 mm.

9. (currently amended): The hinge-lid pack according to Claim 1 ~~or one of the further~~ Claims, **characterized by** a blank which in its non-folded state is provided with embossments (46) or reinforcing seams (47) formed by deformation and having an (approximately) semicircular-shaped cross-section in the region of the longitudinal edges (29, 30) and/or transverse edges (31, 32, 33, 34), with the projections (35) or recesses (40) being formed by the folding of folding tabs or walls causing deformation of the embossment (46) or reinforcing seam

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(47) such that, given a pre-determined dimension of the embossment (46) or reinforcing seam (47), a projection (35) has a smaller radius and a recess (40) has a greater radius than the embossment (46) or reinforcing seam (47).